

UPLAND SHRUB BEDS INVENTORY

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

(SOURCE: Dan Hazzard, May 1995)

Community Center subarea:

"Sunnyside"

Most plants appear unkempt. They compete heavily with many weeds (grasses, etc.) and other opportunistic plants (tree seedlings). The Forsythia are planted too thinly to thrive amidst the competition.

"4th Avenue"

These Laurels are healthy, and appear to be well maintained. The recent pruning is odd - perhaps vagrants were living under them?

"Ravenna Boulevard"

These beds are mere fractions of what they used to be. Most of the understory area has been given over to lawn, and the remaining shrub beds lack order and cohesion.

"Community Center"

• Entry Allée •

The aging Boxwood planted here are anomalies. They have clearly outgrown their original intention.

• Evans Pool •

The plants (Japanese Holly, Viburnum, Cherry Laurel, and Azalea) on the north and west sides are in reasonably good health, while the beds on the south side are virtually non-existent. The presence of some choking vines (Morning Glory) should be taken as a warning about lack of maintenance.

• Shelter House •

Again, the south side plants (Potentilla, Laurel, and Nandina) are in desperate condition, and are generally in poor health. The plants on the north side (Yew, Mugo Pine, Hamamelis, Japanese Holly, and Azalea) show some promise, but are also lacking care. Most plants at the shelter house and Evans pool are planted too sparsely to thrive.

"Boat House"

These Barberry bushes are doing well despite their circumstance. They get very little light, and are alone in a high traffic zone. They could use some company, both for context and for a buffer.

"Latona"

These Laurels are similar in condition and situation to those at 4th Avenue. See those comments.

"Before Sunnyside"

As healthy as these Aucuba are, they also seem out of place. There is little context, and they compete with lawn and tree suckers for nutrition and space.

Wading Pool subarea:

"Orin Court"

These Laurels are similar in condition and situation to those at 4th Avenue. See those comments.

"Before 77th"

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"Tool Shed"

The plants here (Hydrangea) show signs of neglect, but they seem healthy. This spot has context, scale, visibility - several of the things that could make a successful design. Better care could achieve this.

"Comfort Station"

The Portuguese Laurel planted here are healthy, mature, and well cared for. They reflect the grace that older plants can achieve when given attention.